

ATTENDEES: Jennifer Bigelow, Mary Butler, S. Nancy Castel, Pat Decker, Natalie Garfinkle, Larry Gifford, Emma Green, Joan Hellmann, Barbara Hull, Linda Lee Kelly, Paula Kenney, Marilyn Korn, Leila Lieberman, Veronique Milliez, JoAnn Montalbano, Beth Pile, Cindy Russell, Cynthia Spurles, Kitty Squire, Denise Walsh, Maggie Webber.

President Jennifer Bigelow commenced the board meeting at 11:00 a.m. She distributed agendas and asked that the new board introduce themselves.

MINUTES: The June 2005 minutes were accepted as written. Secretary Joan Hellmann reported that the minutes will be posted on our website. Board members S. Nancy Castel, Marilyn Korn and Veronique Milliez will receive the minutes by mail.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Category Summary Report for the period May 18, 2005-August 13, 2005, as printed on page 10 of our September 2005, newsletter was accepted as reported.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Jennifer covered the following items, discussed at a special August executive board meeting, focusing on the 2005-2006 year:

1 By-laws - The By-laws Committee, chaired by Susan Louis, will meet following our guild meeting. Jennifer will confer with Susan if the committee can have drafts of the by-laws ready for board discussion in November and then ready to present to the membership in time for the December meeting.

2 Quilt Show - The dates for the 2007 quilt show are Friday, March 23 as set up day, Saturday, March 24 and Sunday, March 25 as show days. Paula Kenney, ways & means chair, needs fund raising ideas.

3 Membership - The past few years' membership has declined by approximately 25%. Jennifer discussed ways to increase membership, such as allowing special membership rates for students of FIT, Parsons, etc.; board ideas are needed.

4 Programs - Exciting programs and workshops are the focal points for our guild.

5 Charity - Charity is a focus of our group and should be highlighted at meetings. She spoke of quilting community support in light of Hurricane Katrina.

FINANCES: Treasurer Kitty Squire reported that through various guild events we raised a net figure of \$11,449.32 for the show, which she recommends putting into a separate checking account. Subtracting that figure from our current balance of \$31,047.14, we have \$19,597.82 available for running the guild. Kitty distributed copies of a proposed 2005-2006 budget based on prior years' expenditures; she requested board input.

Kitty noted that in the past, the guild has invested amounts of our funds in six-month and two-year CDs in order to earn interest income. Second Vice-President Michael Greenberg and Kitty have recently discussed interest-earning strategies such as

insured money market funds and CDs; further discussions are planned for the coming weeks. Jennifer hopes that by October's guild meeting she can inform the membership about the financial direction we will be taking.

DECEMBER 2005 MEETING: Paula Kenney discussed different ideas for a fund-raising December meeting. The December event may be a holiday boutique; we will confirm next month.

NEWSLETTER: There were some problems with the September newsletter; we have a new printer. Jennifer will confer with Linda Lee Kelly, editor and Susan Louis, mailing. She thanked Cynthia Spurles, advertising, for getting a bunch of advertisers lined up this summer with more underway. Linda will post our meeting dates in the next newsletter.

EXECUTIVE BOARD LIAISONS: As discussed at the special executive board meeting, Jennifer distributed liaison lists. The lists enumerate which executive board member each committee chair should contact regarding questions or issues that arise.

AMERICAN FOLK ART MUSEUM-QUILT WEEKEND: Our guild will be giving demonstrations on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> from 12:30-4:30 p.m. Hand appliqué and handwork projects are requested. Kitty will bring a featherweight for piecing. Sign-up sheet will be placed at the membership table.

HURRICANE KATRINA AID: Jennifer discussed quilting community aid given to the victims. She put flyers out which indicate ways we could give support to the victims. She will discuss this at the meeting and we will be collecting quilts next month to for the victims with our guild label affixed. A motion was made, seconded and passed:

TODAY'S CHARITY QUILTS WILL BE SENT TO THE HURRICANE'S VICTIMS

WELCOMING COMMITTEE: Beth Pile, welcoming committee chair, discussed the goody bag she wished to hand out to new members, consisting of a fabric-covered notebook, pencil, etc. She made a sign for new members, as well. Beth will ask new members to stand up. The following motion was made, seconded and passed:

A "NEW MEMBER GIFT BAG" IS TO BE GIVEN TO ALL NEW MEMBERS

SHOW UPDATE: Larry Gifford, quilt show committee chair, announced that the show shall be held on Saturday and Sunday, March 24 and 25, 2007 with set-up on Friday, March 23. It will be held in the FIT Amphitheatre and Great Hall affording us a good amount of space. Contract signing is set for January, 2006. FIT indicated its willingness to work with us, as not-for-profit and existing renters, to waive some extra charges. Larry will be looking into hotel accommodations and the 28<sup>th</sup> street parking garage. He is contacting guild members who indicated, on show volunteer forms distributed at the May and June 2005 meetings, their willingness to work on the show. He will ask members to fill in the volunteer forms today and will set up a committee table.

Over 150 postcards were sent to vendors and some have already replied that they want to be part of the show. Larry is currently in discussion concerning corporate sponsorship and he will be contacting manufacturers to that end.

OTHER: Jennifer thanked Mary Butler, workshop chair, for placing posters in The City Quilter listing our meeting dates, programs, etc. Beth discussed making fabric-covered notebooks to sell as a fundraiser. Pat Decker, raffle committee, discussed giving free raffle tickets to members wearing their nametags at this meeting, though not necessarily at every meeting. Discussion about 50/50 raffle concluded that we would not do it every month. Leila Lieberman, block of the month chair, said that quilters around the world e-mailed us to comment on the beauty of our September block of the month.

President Bigelow adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Submitted by Joan E. Hellmann, Secretary